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1. [] 3,000 North Korean troops were concentrated at Maechakol in Husong-ni (126-26, 37-52). The troops collected material to build a bridge across the Yesong River at 126-24, 37-53. Fifty drums were lined up along the river and covered with straw to evade detection from the air. Maechakol is the ferry point. 25X1
2. Each of the 30 houses at Korangpori (126-50, 38-00) was occupied [] by 25 mixed Chinese Communist and North Korean troops who were engaged in constructing a bridge across the Imjin River at 126-39, 37-48. The materials included strawbags filled with pebbles and stacked in the river at a shallow point; the final covering was pine branches. All the work was being done by troops; no villagers were employed. [] the bridge at one point was two meters (about 3.8 feet)(sic) high; it was suitable for pedestrians. The North Korean troops said the bridge would be finished [] and used for the southward movement of thousands of vehicles [] 25X1
3. The North Korean troops on Puk-san, one kilometer north of Yonan (126-10, 37-54), were using explosives in bamboo pipes [] The apparent purpose was to deceive the [] forces in the area into overestimating the number of mortars available to the North Korean forces. 25X1
4. [] the North Korean and Chinese Communist troops in the Yonan hot spring area stated that the first line of defense was the Imjin River and the second line the Yesong River. The residents of the areas, however, stated that they had seen no defensive positions or deployment. 25X1
5. Upon the capture of Kaesong the North Korean troops mobilized all citizens irrespective of sex or age to dig caves, shelters, and trenches at the base of Songak-san (126-32, 38-00), facing south. The work was completed [] 25X1
6. [] the Chinese Communist and North Korean troops in Hwanghae Province were low in morale, estimating [] equipment and arms far superior to theirs. The Chinese Communists said they had been unaware that [] 25X1

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forces were fighting in Korea until they met them in battle. Both the Chinese and Koreans fear an ultimate [] victory. The North Korean troops say they are always willing to surrender to [] troops but fear death if they are captured by ROK units, particularly National Defense forces.

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7. [] the North Korean 8 Division command post was at Ilsan-ni (126-46, 37-42). The commander was KIM Pong-kun (金奉根). The division troops were deployed in the mountains in this area, moving only at night.

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8. [] the North Korean government asked the Soviets to supply 10,000 vehicles to the North Korean forces. The Soviets agreed.

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